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TOPIC Soviet Troop Trains

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EVALUATION [REDACTED] PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1

DATE OF CONTENT [REDACTED] 25X1

DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED] DATE PREPARED 14 December 1953

REFERENCES [REDACTED] 25X1

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REMARKS

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CB - Converted Boxcar; B - Boxcar; F - Flatcar; SSy -- Heavy-Duty Flatcar 25X1

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1. [REDACTED] on 11 November 1953, a troop train of 7 boxcars and 4 flatcars with soldiers and artillery pieces went from Wildpark to Fuerstengraben.

2. Trains with military personnel observed on 11 and 12 November included: a train of 56 boxcars from Frankfurt/Oder border-station to Elsthal on 11 November; and a train of 58 boxcars from Guben to Rathenow on 12 November. [REDACTED] 1 25X1

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4. [REDACTED] loadings of railroad cars [REDACTED] between 17 and 22 November:

| Date in November | Number of Cars | Loading Station |
|------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|
| 17 | 87 CB, 2 B, 8 F | Jueterbog-Altes Lager |
| 18 | 1 CB, 6 B, 3 F | " |
| | 16 CB, 2 B, 58 F | Wuensdorf |
| 19 | 2 CB, 10 B, 4 F | Jueterbog-Altes Lager |
| 20 | 57 CB, 6 B | " |
| 21 | 2 CB, 1 B, 2 SSy | Wuensdorf |
| 22 | 22 CB 3 CB, 13 F | Jueterbog-Altes Lager Wuensdorf |

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[] 5. Troop trains [] on 17, 18 and 19 November included: a train of 37 boxcars and 14 flatcars with soldiers and vehicles, [] from Wustermark to Koethen on 17 November;² a train of 12 boxcars and 11 flatcars with soldiers and artillery pieces, [] from Magdeburg to Wildpark on 18 November; and a train of 4 boxcars and 22 flatcars with soldiers and artillery pieces, [] from Wustermark to Koethen on 19 November.²

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[] 6. Orders issued by the Soviet transportation control headquarters between 10 and 18 November requested that: a train with military personnel be dispatched from Strausberg to Wustermark on 10 November; [] another train with military personnel be dispatched from Wustermark to Jueterbog on 13 November; shuttle-train [] be unloaded at Frankfurt/Oder and redispached to Wustermark on 14 November;⁴ 22 cars with military personnel be dispatched from Strausberg to Elsthal on 17 November; [] a train with military personnel arrived at Frankfurt/Oder from Brest Litovsk on 17 November be distributed as follows: 8 cars to Kuumersdorf, 2 cars to Zerbst, 8 cars to Bernburg, 4 cars to Wildpark, and 3 cars to Rostock;⁴ 20 boxcars be made available at Strausberg for loading on 18 November; 10 converted boxcars with military personnel be dispatched from Jueterbog-Altes Lager to Meinsdorf, and 22 converted boxcars with military personnel to Cottbus on 18 November;⁵ and shuttle-train [] which was unloaded at Jueterbog-Altes Lager on 17 November, be repaired and cleaned at Wustermark and immediately redispached to Jueterbog-Altes Lager for loading on 18 November.⁴

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[] 7. Shuttle-trains to be dispatched by order of the Soviet transportation control headquarters on 15, 16 and 17 November included: shuttle-train [] of 54 cars from the Erfurt railroad district during the night of 15 November; shuttle-train [] of 45 cars from the Greifswald railroad district during the night of 16 November; and shuttle-train [] of 54 cars from the Greifswald railroad district during the night of 17 November. 25X1

[] 8. Railroad cars with military personnel [] unloaded at the Satz Korn railroad station between 10 and 18 November included 7 converted boxcars on 10 November; 10 converted boxcars on 17 November; and 7 converted boxcars on 18 November.⁷

[] 9. On 14 November, a train of 16 converted boxcars, [] was loaded with military personnel at the Satz Korn railroad station. The train went to Bad Freienwalde. 25X1

[] 10. On 18 November, a troop train of 10 boxcars and 48 flatcars with soldiers and trucks passed through the Kuumersdorf railroad station. The train came from Wuensdorf and went to Bernburg.

[] 11. Troop trains leaving Dranse on 21 and 22 November included: a train of 8 boxcars and 24 flatcars with eight AT guns, and vehicles, [] to Hagenow-Land on 21 November; and another train of 8 boxcars and 26 flatcars with eight AT guns, and vehicles, [] to Ludwigslust on 22 November. 25X1

[] 12. Material adequate for the conversion of 180 boxcars into troop cars was stored at Wittenberge. At present, only small groups of up to eight boxcars each were converted.

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1. Comment. Shuttle-train [] was previously reported on the same route [] shuttle-train [] was unloaded at Frankfurt/Oder on 14 November 1953. Following the unloading, the train was either redispached to Jüterbog to be reloaded, or first went to Wustermark for cleaning. See paragraphs 3 and 6 respectively. 25X1
2. Comment. On 16 and 17 November 1953, a troop train each was loaded at the Wustermark railroad station, probably with an air force AAA unit previously employed at Doeberitz airfield. On 17 November, a troop train with light AA guns was observed passing through the Satzborn railroad station toward Zeuthen. [] The present information fairly definitely indicates that the receiving station has been confused and that the two trains were bound for Koethen. 25X1
3. Comment. The troop trains carried contingents of the air technicians school of the Twenty-Fourth Air Army which transferred from Strausberg to Doeberitz. [] troop trains [] went to Doeberitz between 9 and 17 November 1953. [] 25X1
4. Comment. The information supplements previous observations [] 25X1
5. Comment. The two trains from Jüterbog carried replacements for the 7th Gds Tank Div to Meinsdorf, and the 9th Mecz Div to Cottbus respectively. 25X1
6. Comment. The eastbound trips of the three shuttle-trains between 7 and 9 November 1953 were previously reported; the return trips, however, have not been covered [] 25X1
7. Comment. The trains carried replacements and discharges of the 10th Gds Tank Div; [] the Hq 10th Gds Div in Krampnitz until 10 November 1953. 25X1
8. Comment. [] on 20 and 21 November 1953, a troop train each went from the Dranse railroad station to the six main posts of the IX Mtz Rifle Corps. [] 25X1

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